

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed March 16, 2006, relating to the above-identified application. Applicant amends claim 5, cancels claims 3, 7 and 8, presents new claim 11 (as a replacement for accidentally cancelled claim 4) and requests re-examination and reconsideration. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 11 remain pending. No new matter has been added.

I. Summary of the Examiner's Rejections and Objections.

Claims 3 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,838,445 ("*Lanius*").

Claims 3, 7-9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese patent 3069109 ("JP '109") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,390,815 ("*Spiegel*").

The Examiner's prior rejection of Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for informal issues, has been overcome.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

In the final Office Action (and affirmed in the Advisory Action), the Examiner indicated that Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. As indicated by the Examiner in the Advisory Action, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been overcome. However, Applicant accidentally cancelled allowable Claim 4. In this current response, Applicant has set forth new Claim 11, which the Examiner will note is an exact duplicate of original

Claim 4 (which was indicated as allowable), and amended Claim 5 to re-align proper dependency with respect to the claims indicated as allowable.

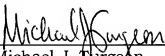
CONCLUSION

Based on the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 11 are now in proper condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0259 for any payment in connection with this communication, including any fees for extensions of time, which may be required. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if such action might expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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